

TOWN OF AMENIA
Special Town Board Meeting
Tuesday September 17, 2013
Amenia Town Hall
7:30pm

S/Flood moved, seconded by C/Rierner to call the meeting to order at 730pm, followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. The emergency exits were identified.

Roll Call

Supervisor William Flood
Councilwoman Victoria Perotti
Councilwoman Vicki Doyle
Councilwoman Darlene Rierner
Councilwoman Gretchen Hitselberger arrived at 7:35pm
Also present:
Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner
Highway Superintendent Stan Whitehead
Sole Assessor Ron Gazzolli

The Board met this evening to discuss the budget worksheets submitted to the supervisor for the 2014 Budget. The board had copies of the handouts and a version of the budget. Copies were not furnished to the Town Clerk.

Highway Superintendent Whitehead presented his budget. C/Rierner asked what the new fuel system was. He explained that it was new pumps, tank and card system. Also discussed was the new highway garage. Next year will be the last payment for the loader.

Planning Board Chairwoman, Nina Peek was present and answered questions from the board. C/Rierner asked how often does ZBA meet and also inquired about how attorney Dave Everett is being utilized, his attendance at meeting and his use by John Fenton, code enforcement officer. The Board asked Ms. Peek to obtain a retainer proposal from Mr. Everett. C/Perotti asked how many hours Susan works and C/Doyle acknowledges all the work that Susan has taken on filling in for what Lana, Claudia and Dawn did. C/Hitselberger will look at the job descriptions for Sue and Katrina. C/Doyle asked who follows up with Sue and Katrina.

Water District chairwoman, May Jones was present. The revenues are down from what was estimated last year. S/Flood meet with the County and the town should be spending in the range of one hundred thousand dollars a year in upgrades. C/Hitselberger explained the issues with the meters and the radio frequencies. C/Hitselberger asked C/Perotti to find out the proper way to raise the rates. Ms. Jones addresses a concern mentioned at the last meeting regarding Marcos water testing. Sherry Johnson makes mention that she and S/Flood are questioning the fact that he submits the bill with multi-contractors. He subcontracts this out and that they will either need to change the contract or ask the attorney if this is permissible.

Sole Assessor Ron Gazzolli presented his budget requesting a 1% raise for himself and Donna Morrison his clerk. Mr. Gazzolli and S/Flood discuss Silo Ridge. S/Flood also mentions that Dover, Pawling and Beekman had consolidated services and Mr. Gazzolli responds that personal contact is important.

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Amenia Free Library represented by Dave Stanford, Ginny Eschbach and Charlotte Murphy. Mr. Stanford addresses the board about the possibility of expansion of the location and the hours. He shared all of the current happenings at the library and Ms Eschbach compared Amenia to some of the surrounding libraries and their working budgets. The Library requested \$65,000 for the next year.

Dog Control, Officer Brett Johnson presented his budget request. He addressed the concern that the board did not want him to carry his gun and that his radio would not help. C/Hitselberger responded that the board felt that if you go into a dangerous area he could contact law enforcement. S/Flood addressed the issue that the county wanted him to complete the application for Animal Control Officer, Mr. Johnson only handles dogs. He addresses that he has no supplies such as a leash, a crate or pole.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

Motion to authorize Brett Johnson to purchase a crate, rabies pole and leashes

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to adjourn at 9:18pm

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted:


Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on September 17, 2013 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

11-21-13 Approved as read on
Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions